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### **No Direct Impact to Marianas Expected from Tropical Depression at this Time; High Risk of Rip Currents Remain**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor newly developed Tropical Depression 01W. As of 7 a.m., the center of 01W was located 6.0 degrees north latitude and 157.6 degrees east longitude, 35 miles east-northeast of Sapwafik, 1010 miles east-southeast of Guam, moving northwest at 10 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph.

Tropical Depression 01W is currently expected to weaken in the coming days with a possible track near or south of Guam's southern waters. Although there is no direct impact expected for the Marianas from this system, Guam could see increased showers early to mid-week, next week. For Guam, it is expected to be partly cloudy with isolated showers tonight through Friday night, and then mostly cloudy through Tuesday night.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 4 p.m. this afternoon along east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid dangerous rip currents and stay up to date with the latest information on 01W while it remains east-southeast of Guam, as changes can occur.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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